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AT UN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS JULY 10, SYG WALDHEIM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING NAMIBIA:

"PERMIT ME TO SAY THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, VERY OFTEN THE PUBLIC THINKS THAT SUCH PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OR A FEW MONTHS. NAMIBIA IS A VERY OLD AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. THEREFORE, I DO NOT THINK THAT I CAN BE EXPECTED TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION.

"I DO NOT THINK THAT THE CONTACTS WHICH I ESTABLISHED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SC, WERE USELESS. THEY CONTRIBUTED TO CLARIFYING THE POSITION OF THE SA GOVERNMENT, AND I WAS ABLE TO PRESENT THESE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SC. I DO NOT THINK THAT YOU CAN SAY OR SHOULD SAY THAT THESE EFFORTS HAVE GONE UNDERGOUND. I ESTABLISHED THESE CONTACTS AT THE SPECIAL REQUEST OF THE SC, AND I PRESENTED THE RESULTS TO THE COUNCIL. IT IS NOW UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THESE CONTACTS SHOULD BE CONTINUED. I KNOW THAT THE OAU HAS EXPRESSED ITSELF AGAINST CONTINUING
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THE EFFORTS, AND IT WILL BE UP TO THE SC TO DECIDE HOW

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TO PROCEED FURTHER. I AM IN CONTACT WITH THE AFRICAN
MEMBERS OF THE SC AND WITH THE GROUP OF THREE MEMBERS
OF THE COUNCIL IN THIS REGARD, BUT THE COUNCIL HAS NOT
MET ON THE SUBJECT AS YET. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE
TO SAY HOW THINGS WILL PROCEED.

"WE NOW THAVE THE ME DEBATE BEFORE US. NO DECISION
HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE DATE FOR THE NAMIBIA DEBATE, BUT
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE SUMMER,
PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER."
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